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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.**SUMMARY JURISDICTION.**

ACTION No. 1498 of 1904.

WONG TAI FONG v. TAM MAN SAM.

WHEREAS the Defendant, TAM MAN SAM, who is the publisher of the
"WORLD NEWS" (Sai Kai Kung Xi Po)
published in the said Newspaper, on the
20th September, 1904, a statement concern-
ing the Plaintiff, Dr. WONG TAI FONG,
intimating that the Plaintiff in breach
of his duty as a Trustee of the Li Shing
Scientific and Industrial College, had en-
gaged a relative of the Plaintiff named
CHAN to be a Teacher in the said College;
the said Chan being to the knowledge of
the Plaintiff incompetent to perform his
duties as such teacher and that the Plaintiff
was incompetent to be a Manager of the said
College; NOW, THEREFORE, the said
Defendant TAM MAN SAM hereby pub-
licly withdraws the said statement, made
concerning the Plaintiff and admits that the
same is not correct and has no foundation
in fact; and the said TAM MAN SAM
also expresses to the Plaintiff his regret for
having made the said statement.
Dated the 12th December, 1904.

2261 TAM MAN SAM.

EOTHEN MARK LODGE—No. 284.

A REGULAR MEETING of the
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be held at the FRASER'S HALL, on
WEDNESDAY, the 21st December inst.,
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BRETHREN are cordially invited to attend.
HONGKONG, December 19, 1904. 2257

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
TWENTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the above Company will be
held at the REGISTERED OFFICE of the
COMPANY in Alexandra Buildings, Des
Voeux Road, on FRIDAY, the 23rd day of
December, 1904, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose
of considering the Report of the General
Managers together with a Statement of
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ber, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 24th inst.
to 28th inst., both days inclusive.
(Sd.) JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
HONGKONG, December 14, 1904. 2247

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a
Call of \$7.50 per Share has been
made in respect of all Shares not fully paid
up, and that each call is payable on 2nd
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Buildings, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

HONGKONG, November 1, 1904. 2155

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STEEL MOUNTAIN RAILWAY.

According to Engineering, Mr. T. O.
Sheppard, O.E., director-general of public
works in Bolivia, is arranging an extension
of the Guayaquil Railway to La Paz. The
line has to descend 1400 ft. within two
miles as the road rises, but it has to spread
over six miles to reach the gradients,
which will still be very severe. The line
will wind round the sides of ravines, with
many sharp curves and loops. The actual
difference in the level of the termini is 1582
ft. The gauge is 3 ft. 6 in., and the rails
weigh 60 lb. to the yard. Goods wagons
will be taken down the hill to La Paz, but
passengers will be transferred to electric
cars worked on the overhead system. The
generating station will be at the lower end
of the line, and will have two large gas-
engines of 400-horse-power indicated as at
sea-level. Allowance has been made for loss
due to lower atmospheric pressure in the
working of the engines, which are being
made by the Premier Gas-Engine Company,
of Sandusky, Nottinghamshire. Steam has
to be used, and the producing plant is
being manufactured by the Power-Gas
Company, of Victoria Street, Westminster.
The generators and railway equipments are
being made by the General Electric Com-
pany of the United States, at Schenectady,
New York, and the cars by the Brill Car
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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.
Auction.
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at No. 3, Barrow Terrace, Kowloon.

Meeting.
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Eothen Mark Lodge.

Miscellaneous.
9 p.m.—Concert in R. E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks.
Goods per *Dunlop* undelivered after this date will be subject to rent and landing charges.
Goods per *Benary* undelivered after this date will be landed.

General Memoranda.
Thursday, December 22—
2 p.m.—Meeting of Wo Shien Steamboat Co., Ltd., at Company's Office.
9 p.m.—Orchestral Concert in City Hall. Goods per *Gregory* undelivered after 4 p.m. on this date will be landed.

Friday, December 23—
Noon—Meeting of The Hongkong High Level Tramways Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Curio, &c., at Mr. Geo. Lammer's Sales Rooms.
9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.
9.15 p.m.—Evening Concert at Peak Hotel.
Goods per *Tientsin* not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.
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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1904.

CHRISTIAN RUSSIA.

THE red-band of revolution is clutching with grim desperation at the throat of the ruling class in Russia, and the indications are that it will not release its hold until the class are overcome and autocratic rule is abolished. The unrest in which the war was born has increased with every reversal of Russian arms, and to-day we have the exhibition of the provinces combining with the cities in demonstrating by bloodshed and destruction of property their determination to do away with the oppressive measures that have for so long been grinding them down. A few days ago we published news of the students' riot in St. Petersburg, and to-day our special cables tell of similar disturbances in Moscow. There 3000 students carried their hostile demonstration to the Palace front, and they were not dispersed until the swords of the police were wet with blood, and the whips of the Cossacks sang on the heads and shoulders of the rioters. Sixty wounded, three hundred arrested, and a score killed is the estimated cost of the victory of the Tsar's good men; but what will it avail him? With the blood of their compatriots upon the pavements the people are not likely to remain quiet. Revenge is sweet, and they will get it, come what may. The Reactionary party have a difficult task in hand to maintain control of affairs, and as the days go by it will become more and more difficult. Revolting people cannot be appeased with swords and whips or armed resistance of any sort. Something more will have to be given them—and something that it is easy to give. All they want is better laws, and that is the one thing they should get. When the great Christian Russia is compared to little Pagan Japan, what a contrast is revealed! In Japan all is peace and quiet. The nation stands solidly together. The shoulders of the people are at the wheel set in motion by the Emperor, and they will remain pushing there until they get to victory or are annihilated by a better race. In Russia the Tsar pushes one way and the people pull the other. All is discord, and the land is torn and rent through-out by dissension. Japan boasts not of her civilisation, but Russia has always done so of hers. And what is it worth? Nothing! By every means possible these in power have demonstrated that the governing class in Russia is a danger to civilisation, and an enemy to the human race. But individual Russians, as men and heroes, have shown themselves a credit to the world and have earned the applause of the world. There are black sheep amongst them, as lately discovered at Shanghai, but we deal now with the men who have fought and died in the trenches, and those who are desperately holding Port Arthur at this moment in the face of certain defeat. These men are heroes, and there are none in the world who admire brave men who will not grant them all the kudos that heroes should have. Mr. Bernard Partridge's magnificent cartoon in a recent issue of *Punch*, showing General Stoessel amid the ruins of Port Arthur, saluting with broken sword a tattered Russian banner, with the motto 'Ave Caesar' suggestive of the ancient Roman gladiators going to their death, does no more than justice to Russian heroism. Even if Port Arthur falls now, as full well it may, enough has been done for honour, and the gallant garrison will live in history with the three hundred who fought at Thermopylae for the integrity of Sparta. These men are of the class now fighting for liberty in the far-away cities of St. Petersburg and Moscow, and in the oppressed provinces of Russia. Brave men all of them, if put to the test, but braver under the heel of a tyrant. The sympathy of the world must go with these people when it is

remembered how their fellows are conducting themselves in the deadly fighting zone, and all thinking people will find it puzzling in the extreme to account for the attitude of the Tsar and his advisers towards them. A glance at the progress of other Powers where autocracy has long been dead ought to be sufficient to convince them that they are on the wrong road. To boast of righteousness, and exhibit the heart of a devil is no way to gain the respect and confidence of the world, and that in itself should be a sufficient answer to those who ask with surprise why Christian Russia is lacking the sympathy which cultured people the world over bestow upon Pagan Japan. There is something wrong in the state of Russia, and that something is Government. When it is altered, so will be the conduct of the riotous students, and peasants; not before.

We are officially informed that no political significance is to be attached to the massing of our civilian defenders last Saturday and that the fact that the Baltic Fleet turned back on the same day was merely a coincidence. We always regard official contradictions with a certain amount of distrust, and we do not think that this one is at all likely to deceive the intelligent reader who is in the habit of putting two and two together.

Post-offices, as we understand them, are built by the Government for the convenience of the public, and the officials therein employed are naturally expected to devote their attention to the business of the Department. Hongkong's Post-Office evidently stands to a criterion of the general conduct of the officials. A resident desired to purchase a book of stamps and to that end laid a \$5 note on the counter, at the same time asking for a book of stamps. The Chinaman in charge picked up the note, then returned it with the remark, 'I have no change.' The resident insisted on the Chinaman getting change, and with a bad grace the Chinaman did so, flinging down a handful of small silver on the counter when he returned with it. Politeness and civility costs little, and it behooves the Chinaman to learn the Chinese what is his duty.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

On Page 7.
Our London Letter and also Messrs. Lanks and Rogge's freight circular will be found on page 7 of this issue.

Gregor and Co.
Yesterday we stated that Messrs. Gregor and Company would give to all purchasers of \$25 worth of wines or spirits, three bottles of claret, two of whisky and one of liqueur. It should have read the choice between three bottles of claret, two of whisky and one of liqueur.

Snow Storms at Home.
A telegram from London, dated November 24, reports immense falls of snow throughout Scotland and the North of England. A heavy gale, formed enormous snow drifts. Many trains were snowed up. All traffic was temporarily suspended and numbers of funerals, even, were delayed. Several race meetings were postponed.

Dead Lionses.
Four of the lionesses attached to Harman's circus, and which created excitement in Hongkong, are dead. Their death took place whilst landing them from the *Tsai* at Manila. The beasts were suffocated, and died before assistance could be rendered. Captain Love says the loss represents \$4,500 gold, but the skins will each realise \$125 gold. Other lions will be ordered to replace those now dead.

From Port Arthur.
Marquis Lorenzo d'Adda, war correspondent of the *Secolo*, of Milan, Italy, is a passenger by the German steamer *Prinz Eitel Friedrich*, and in on his way home, in company with his wife, after being for some time with General Major's army in front of Port Arthur. The Marquis, being a Naval Construction engineer, was able to form many valuable conclusions regarding the siege and the possibilities of the capture of the fortress by the Japanese. They will be set out in an interview in the *CHINA MAIL* to-morrow.

A Chinese Giant.
At a town near to Peking, writes a correspondent to the *N. C. Daily News*, we fell in with a young Chinese giant, and felt almost sorry we were not relatives of Barnum that we might exploit him. Seated in an inn one day, writing, with a curious crowd round me in the usual style, my friend drew my attention to a man who had just joined the throng. He was stretching his head over the others, and I could not believe that he was not mounted on a box or something of that sort. But his feet were on the ground and his head was a long way from the ground. We measured him, and found him to be six feet nine and a half inches, and as he was strongly and sturdily built he was a very fine specimen of humanity. I laughingly suggested to him that he should offer himself to Viceroy Yuan Shih-kai, as a candidate for post of personal bodyguard, and his reply in substance was: 'Wouldn't I just like the chance!'

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LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

Among the passengers from Shanghai by the *Prinz Eitel Friedrich* is the German Kontra-Admiral von Holtzendorff.

There were 253 European and 103 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library, 98 European and 1,685 Chinese visitors to the Museum, during the week ending December 18th.

A grand evening concert will be given in the Peak Hotel by Miss Edith Merryless and Miss Henrietta Markens on Friday next at 9.15 p.m. The success of the former concert should be instrumental in drawing a good attendance to this concert.

An inquiry was held at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon touching the death of Charles Frederick Richardson, a seaman from H.M.S. *Robin*, whose body was found in one of the docks on December 12. A verdict of death from drowning was returned. It was shown that the deceased, with several companions from the *Robin*, assisted in extinguishing a fire on the *Indravilli* and had probably had some drink. When returning to his ship he apparently fell into the dock in which he was drowned.

Royal Engineers' Concert.
A concert will be given to-morrow evening in the Royal Engineers' Theatre, Wellington Barracks, under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor, which promises to be an attractive one. A lengthy programme has been arranged to which several well-known vocalists will contribute. Tickets may be purchased at Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Company's.

Enlarging the Central Police Station.
Work in connection with the additional story to the Central Police Station is still going on and the work is expected to be finished about February next. It now looks like the non-technical eye as if the old building was hardly able to carry the extra storey. The walls in places appear to be affected by the weight of the work going on above and are being propped up with numerous poles.

Alice Memorial Hospital.
The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nephrosule Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—
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The Strength of the Kwangsi Army.
A military officer in Kwangsi, writing to his friends in Shanghai, states that including the contingents sent by the Liangkiang, Hukwang, Min-Ché and Kwangtung provinces, there are now in Kwangsi province fighting the insurgents no less than nine full battalions of 600 men each, or 4,900 men, and twenty-six incomplete battalions, or 'Chi' of 350 men each, or 9,100 men, making a total of 58,000 men of all arms, all of whom are equipped with modern weapons of precision. Of this number there are only about 1,500 mounted troops, and the army possesses about forty-eight field guns and sixty mountain guns, one half of which are muzzleloaders.

Launches in Collision.

An inquiry was held at the Harbour Master's Office this morning by Mr. Basil Taylor (Assistant Harbour Master) into the circumstances surrounding a collision which took place on December 11 between the steam launches *E Wo* and *Hapay*. The Master of the *Hapay* said that after he got up his anchor to proceed from a little off Yau-mai Pier, where he was lying, to Tsimshatui he saw two large junks lying ahead of his launch. He steamed slowly in order to get round them and sighted the *E Wo* when she was about 80 yards away. He then went astern, blowing two blasts on his whistle at the same time. The *E Wo* at first ported her helm and then went back on to her original course and struck the *Hapay* abreast of her boilers on the port side. The Master of the *E Wo* gave a different version of the circumstances which led up to the collision. According to his statement he saw the *Hapay* first when she was about 500 yards away and straight ahead of his launch steering so as to pass him red to red. He blew one short blast on his whistle to indicate that he was changing his course and ported his helm. The *Hapay* answered by blowing one blast and then he blew another blast to indicate that his helm was still ported. They were then about 80 yards apart, and he sounded two blasts and at the same time the *Hapay* starboarded, and the collision occurred. The Assistant Harbour Master considered that the story told by the master of the *E Wo* was entirely improbable, while that of the master of the *Hapay* was not quite satisfactory. He considered that there had been negligent navigation on the part of the master of the *E Wo* and ordered his certificate to be suspended for a month.

RELIEF AFTER SIX YEARS.—Mr. M. A. Clark, of Dunbury, Range, N. B. W., Australia, writes: 'I wish to inform you of the wonderful benefit I have received from your valuable medicine. I suffered from a severe cough for six years and obtained no relief until I took Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. One bottle cured me and I am thankful to say that I have never had the cough since. Many say use of this letter that you like for the good of any other poor sufferers. For sale by All Dealers: WATKINS & Co., Ltd., General Agents.'

A FIRE INQUIRY.

Suspicious Circumstances.

An inquiry was opened at the Magistracy this afternoon, by Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz concerning a fire which occurred in a godown at No. 325 Des Vaux Road on December 9. Mr. H. H. Gompertz represented four Insurance Companies interested and conducted the inquiry for the police, and Mr. J. Hastings represented the owner of some of the goods. The fire occurred about midnight on the date in question. The godown was a small one, and occupied the ground floor of the premises, while the floors above were used as living apartments. On the night of the fire some people sleeping above were disturbed by hearing a noise, and on looking through a trap door saw smoke underneath, and all made their escape. At the time of the fire the godown was stocked with goods valued at, according to inquiries made by the police, about \$15,000, while the insurance effected was \$35,000. After the fire considerable discrepancies were found in the stock as compared with the entries in the books, some articles being entirely missing. The godown was stocked with highly inflammable material, and in it was found a kerosene lamp, underneath a case in a suspicious position. The fire, however, appeared to have originated some distance away from this case. The inquiry was proceeding when our report closed.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

The Praya East Hotel.
A meeting of Justices of the Peace was held at the Magistracy this afternoon to consider the application of Frederick Edward Oram for a publican's licence for the premises known as the Praya East Hotel, situated at Nos. 40 and 41 Praya East. Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz presided, and Mr. F. A. Haveland (Second Magistrate) and Mr. C. D. Melbourne were also present. There were no objections to the licence, which was granted without discussion.

A Xmas Appeal.
The Catholic Union, Glencely, make a Xmas Appeal on behalf of the poor children and the poor old people whose hardships are many and pleasures few. This is the sixth year of Christmas Entertainments to the poor children and the old people. Last year they were able to provide Xmas treats to about 700 children and 200 old people. Simple inexpensive articles are asked for: Toys, Picture books, Scrap books, Sweets, Cakes, or Biscuits. The gifts will be distributed to the children in the rooms of the Catholic Union, Glencely, on Christmas Day at 3 p.m., where the recipients will be gathered for a Tea-Party. All gifts will be welcomed by the Revd. Father T. Gabardi or James D. Osmund, Vice President of the Catholic Union.

Volunteer Presentation.
Sergeant Bartolome, of the Royal Garrison Artillery, who has been acting as drill instructor to the left half of No. 2 Company, Hongkong Volunteers, was presented with a solid silver tea set by the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the half Company. Captain Skinner made the presentation and wished the Sergeant and Mrs. Bartolome a pleasant voyage and prosperity. During the time that Sergeant Bartolome had been connected with the Volunteers he had, by his efficiency and patience, made himself popular with all. The Company regretted his departure and hoped that the token they were giving him would serve as a reminder of the days he spent in Hongkong. Major C. G. Pritchard testified to the progress made by the left half of the No. 2 Company during Sergeant Bartolome's instructorship. A suitable reply was made by the recipient, who thanked the speakers for the kind words they had said.

Japan and France in Indo-China.
During the debate on the Anglo-French Convention in the French Chamber of Deputies, M. Jules Delafosse, in the course of a somewhat moving but not insignificant speech, referred to Indo-China, whose possession he regarded as precarious, and added that it would infallibly be lost to France sooner or later. Then he alleged that Japan had hesitated between an attack against Russia for Corea and an attack on France for Indo-China. This assertion naturally created a sensation, and M. Delafosse demanded on what ground the speaker based his grave assertion. M. Delafosse protested against it. The Nationalist leader, M. Millevoys, affirmed that he was in a position to produce at the Tribune proof of Japanese ambitions. M. Delafosse said he would not insist on certain confidential information he had received. Perhaps, having regard to the quarter from which these allegations come, this is only a Jesuit game. At all events it is too incredible to be worth discussing, and may be dismissed with the assurance given to the Chamber by the Colonial Minister, M. Demange, who stated that Japan had never thought of attacking France especially. Japan could not bear the French ill-will, because she knew they were not her rivals. The truth was that the events in the Far East were the cause of uneasiness for all nations having interests in Asia, but they did not constitute a direct threat against any one of them.

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THE NORTH SEA ENQUIRY.

RUSSIAN COMMISSIONER LEAVES FOR PARIS.

LONDON, December 19.
Admiral Kaznakoff, Russian Commissioner, and other Russian Naval Officers have started for Paris to attend the enquiry into the North Sea Outrage.

[CHINA MAIL'S EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]
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REVOLUTION IN MOSCOW.

DEMONSTRATION BY STUDENTS.

Police and Cossacks Charge the Crowd.

LONDON, December 19.
Three thousand students made a revolutionary demonstration at Moscow yesterday.

They assembled in front of the Palace of the Governor, Grand Duke Sergius.

The police charged the crowd with drawn swords and a body of Cossacks swept down on the students with whips.

Sixty of the students were wounded and three hundred were arrested.

According to the *Standard*, a score were killed.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

MACEDONIA.

LONDON, December 18.
The condition of Macedonia gets constantly worse.

NEW ARTILLERY FOR THE BRITISH ARMY.

It is stated that the British War Office has signed contracts for the most modern Horse and Field Artillery to the value of £2,500,000; of which 130 batteries are to be delivered in nine months.

THE HOOLEY TRIAL.

M. T. Hooley has been acquitted and J. H. Lawson sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

INTER-CLUB BOWLING.

A Win for the Hongkong Club.

The bowling match between the Hongkong Club and the Club Germania concluded last night, resulting in a win for the Hongkong Club by 629 pins.

The scores of last night's play are—

HONGKONG CLUB.			
AT HOME.			
H. Hinds	235	168	170
J. Hooper	208	117	187
H. Hancock	191	109	182
C. H. Gale	171	117	174
Total ... 6,692			
CLUB GERMANIA.			
AT HOME.			
A. Rombach	202	215	227
A. Thiesen	205	215	218
E. Vollbrecht	182	193	182
T. Thum	156	167	193
Total ... 6,575			

HONGKONG CLUB.			
AT HOME.			
C. P. Chater	700	830	1630
T. C. Gray	727	781	1508
E. H. Hinds	743	714	1457
J. Hooper	726	717	1443
J. W. C. Bonnar	672	753	1425
E. Hancock	625	737	1362
F. Maitland	625	639	1264
C. H. Gale	586	657	1243
Total ... 11,241			

CLUB GERMANIA.			
AT HOME.			
A. Rombach	818	672	1490
C. Koch	816	619	1435
J. Mueller	783	666	1449
A. Thiesen	771	641	1412
E. Eberius	711	611	1322
E. Vollbrecht	742	543	1285
T. Thum	672	630	1302
P. Nicolai	719	471	1190
Total ... 10,612			

Majority for Hongkong ... 629

The American engineers are reported to have discovered that the Panama Canal Scheme can be made much easier and less costly by directing the river Chagres, so that instead of entering the Atlantic it shall enter the Pacific. The course of the river has been the main difficulty in the construction of the canal.

STEARNS' WINE for all wasting diseases. It increases weight. Consumptive find it does good. Can be taken at all seasons.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

THE ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR.

Japanese Torpedo-boat Lost.

Tokio, December 19, 5.30 p.m.
Admiral Togo reports that while attacking the Russian ships at the outer Roadstead on the night of the 14th, one Japanese torpedo-boat was disabled and abandoned, while the crew was saved.

The torpedo-boat was temporarily disabled, but conveyed back.
No serious damage was done to the rest of the fleet.

The total casualties were ten killed and fourteen wounded.
The *Sevastopol*'s anchorage being close to the shore, it is difficult to ascertain her damage, but several torpedoes were distinctly observed to hit and explode.

On the night of the 15th the torpedo-boat flotilla renewed their attacks on the *Sevastopol*, *Olegani* and some destroyers. They managed to approach close to the enemy's ships and successfully discharged torpedoes, several of which were distinctly observed to hit and explode.

In spite of the enemy's hot fire our craft all returned safe; total casualties were three killed and three wounded.

Our observation station in the morning reported that one Russian destroyer was aground with her masts broken.

RUSSIAN FLEET PRACTICALLY DESTROYED.

Few Destroyers Still Intact.

Tokio, Dec. 19, 7 p.m.

Admiral Togo's reports on the 18th, of the actual state of the Russian ships, which sunk in the inner harbour, are substantially the same as previously announced, concluding that they are no longer fit for action.

Regarding the *Sevastopol*, although there is reason to believe that she was incapacitated for navigation, yet the positive evidence is still unobtainable.

Six Russian destroyers are, at least, still remaining.

JAPANESE CAPTURE ANOTHER FORT.

Russian Guns Captured.

Tokio, Dec. 19, 8.15 p.m.

The Port Arthur army reports that a detachment at 2.15 p.m. on the 18th, caused a great explosion at the breast-work of the north fort of Tunkikwan-shan, and thereupon made an assault, followed by fierce fighting with grenades.

The enemy offered the stoutest resistance.

At 7 p.m. General Samejima proceeded to the espioner of the countercarp, then made a great assault and captured the above fort at 11.50 p.m.

We immediately constructed the defensive works, and our possession was rendered firm by the morning on the 19th.

We captured five field-guns, two machine-guns and a great quantity of ammunition, and we also found about forty Russian corpses within that fort.

Our casualties are not yet ascertained but are believed to be not heavy.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN BALTIC FLEET.

LONDON, December 18.

The Russian Admiralty, apparently in deference to popular agitation, has commenced preparations to fit out a third Baltic squadron, consisting of four battleships and one cruiser; all vessels of comparatively small tonnage and nearly obsolete.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by the Hongkong Observatory:-

On the 20th at 11.58 a.m. The barometer has fallen generally but more particularly in the interior of China, and has risen in Japan.

Gradients are moderate upon the China Coast and light variable winds will prevail in the Formosa Channel. In the China Sea fresh NE. monsoon will be still met with.

Forecast:- Moderate to fresh NE. winds, fine.

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HONGKONG NAVY LEAGUE.

A General Meeting.

The Hongkong Branch of the Navy League held a general meeting at the City Hall yesterday. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.O., was in the chair, and there were also present the Hon. Gerald Stewart, Col. Westcott, and Messrs G. Piercy, C. Mowbray, C. B. Hayward, E. W. Mitchell, R. U. Wilcox, B. Layton, T. P. Cochran, Lo Cheung Ip, D. R. Law, W. E. Claret, N. Munford, W. H. T. Davis, S. A. Joseph, N. J. Stabb, A. Babinington, P. C. Potts and A. R. Lowe (Secretary).

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

Mr. Pollock said:-The report and statement of accounts have been in your hands for some time past, and I think we might follow the usual custom and take them as read. As you will have seen from that report, it is nearly two years since I last had the pleasure of addressing you.

The delay is due to the fact that there has been a considerable change in the officers of the League during the past year, and eleven months. I am sorry there are not more members and associates present here this afternoon, but perhaps I hope it is so—that may be taken as a sign that the members and associates are satisfied with the manner in which the business of the League has been conducted since we last held a general meeting. My experience in Hongkong is, that a full and crowded meeting is a sure sign that some disturbance is going to occur, or that some points are to be brought forward.

With regard to the report you will see that it deals with one or two subjects of general importance in connection with this branch of the League. As is stated in paragraph three of the report, the shooting continues to be on a high level in the China fleet, and I understand H.M.S. Ocean, in particular, has made very good things.

Mr. Pollock then read an extract from the *Naval and Military Record* of November 10, 1904, wherein was given an account of the firing, under most difficult conditions, and as similar to the firing in case of actual warfare as practice would allow, of H.M.S. *Glory*, *Albatross*, *Ocean*, *Vengeance* and *Centurion*.

Continuing Mr. Pollock said:-On the whole, that extract contains a most satisfactory account of the practice which was held on September under the direction of the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Lord. Our report deals also with the tour of Mr. H. F. Wyatt, which was important from the fact that our Governor, Sir Henry Blake, took the chair at the meeting in the City Hall. I refer to that fact in particular, because an erroneous impression has got about in this Colony that the Navy League are in some way opposed to the Government authorities, and that it would not be becoming or suitable for a member of the Civil Service to belong to it.

Sir Henry Blake's presence at Mr. Wyatt's lecture ought to have dispelled that idea. I hope that in future we shall have more support from the large Civil Service of this Colony, and also from the Naval and Military services.

The Navy League, so far from being opposed to the Government, has, as its primary object, the support of the Government on every possible occasion, because, we feel with the late Lord Salisbury, that the defence of the nation is the business of the people. Nobody could accuse Lord Salisbury of being an enthusiastic radical, and in any way desiring to carry out the Government's policy in any way.

On May 9, 1900, he said that a national defence was the business of the people and not of the Government, and if we consider the British Constitution we must admit that those words of Lord Salisbury are very well founded. It is obvious that taxation is essential for defence, and this comes out of the people. If their support cannot be secured for extensive measures in preparation for the possibility of war, it is quite obvious that the Naval and Military services must go down, and with them the prestige and credit of the British Empire must suffer.

It is for us to strive by every possible means to educate the general body of the people, and induce them to give their support to the Government. And whereas Lord Salisbury expressed his opinion in 1900, that the defence of the nation is the business of the people, how much more is there danger now, seeing the large sums expended in the South African War. Those who have studied the course of events at home, must have noticed that there is a party of whom one of the principal members is Mr. Winston Churchill, whose watchword is that of economy; and there is no doubt that that party will complain that we are spending too much on Naval and Military preparations. The Navy League's object is to show that that party is mistaken, and to demonstrate that what we pay for preparations is only the insurance we pay for the protection of our interests, and the dividend we get out of the money is to be found in the security of our communications, without which the British Empire would very soon begin to go to pieces.

I would ask you to bear in mind that not only would unpreparedness for war, suddenly coming upon us, cause very great damage to our prestige and material prosperity, but it unfortunately the danger of war should suddenly arrive, it is a well-known fact that preparations which have to be made hurriedly at the last moment are the most expensive comparatively, and extremely uneconomical (applause). Gentlemen, I would therefore urge that it is incumbent upon us in this Colony to join the Navy League in large numbers, and I think that it is unsatisfactory that out of some 1,500 or more British members of this community, exclusive of the services, we should only be able to muster 285 members and 35 associates. I think it is very necessary that we should in this, for Eastern Colony, depend upon us, for everything—for our prosperity—upon the security of our maritime communications, that we should join in great numbers the Hongkong branch of the Navy League (applause). As is well known to you, the facts are carefully weighed, we shall find a great number joining here and giving their support to the League. We should remember that the support which is recorded by British residents in this Colony to the League, the League serves to develop the activities of the head office of the Navy League in London, and shows that Hongkong is heart and soul with them in their efforts to put the defence of the Empire on a sound and safe footing. (Applause.)

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As we have already stated, two sailors were arrested. The first, Agost, was charged with feloniously and unlawfully wounding a Chinese, name unknown, on the head, with an axe, thereby causing his death, at 4.10 p.m. on the 16th inst. The other man, Tiek by name, was charged with wilfully and maliciously striking a Chinese, name unknown, on the head, with a knife, thereby causing his death, at 4.10 p.m. on the 16th inst. Both men are from the *Albatross*. The whole morning was taken up with the examination of the witnesses, and although it is a matter of regret that the proceedings were conducted in private, the Court resumed after a short interval. About seven witnesses were called, who actually saw the blow, and during the morning and afternoon six other witnesses who saw the assault on the constable and the arrest of the men, gave evidence. When the Court resumed after a short interval, the two sailors were present, and although the Russian authorities were obstinately resistant as to what had become of them, we have the best reasons for believing that they were sent on board under an escort.

In the afternoon the Chinese held an inquest on the dead body at the back of the Shanghai Road Hospital. Several Chinese witnesses were called and after some delay Mr. d'Oettingen, the Russian Vice-Consul, accompanied by the *Albatross* doctor, appeared on the scene. The Chinese immediately showed him the body and then conducted them to where the body was lying. The bloodstained axe was produced and after a cursory examination the doctor pronounced death to have been due to the wound in the head. Most people who saw the man on Thursday thought the blow had been struck with the sharp edge of the axe but such was not the case. The top of the tool was a blunt hammer-like head about an inch square and it was with this that the blow was struck. So great was the force used that there was a hole an inch square in the man's skull, corresponding exactly with the

AN EXTENSIVE GAMBLING RAID.

Fourteen Arrests Made.

Lottery promoters have recently been giving the police and detectives a good deal of trouble, and notwithstanding several arrests and convictions the business continues to flourish. Several places suspected of being connected with the printing and sale of tickets for the Luk Wai Lottery have recently been carefully watched by the detectives with the result that last week an extensive raid was planned. During the early part of Saturday morning it was successfully carried out and resulted in fourteen arrests.

The whole of the detective force, both European and Chinese, combined in making the raid, and the result was that twenty-four houses, all situated in the Central district. The houses were No. 28A Des Vaux Road, occupied by Tang Chik Hing, proprietor of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha firm, at No. 10, Queen's Road Central, Nos. 20 and 32 Linwood Terrace, and No. 4 Kee Yan Lane, where a printing press and some literature connected with the Luk Wai Lottery were seized. A good deal of literature and some tickets were obtained at some of the other places, and 13 men and one woman were arrested. They were brought before Mr. F. A. Hazland, at the Magistrate's, and admitted to bail of \$1,000 each.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Lordship Sir H. S. Berkeley, Chief Justice.)

Tuesday, December 22.

ARNED ROBBERY.

Lan Tam, Young Lam Tee and Yung San were indicted on a charge of armed robbery. They pleaded not guilty, and the following jurors were sworn:—Messrs J. B. Bennett, H. W. Fraser, G. M. Smith, F. Schmidt, P. Hermann, R. H. King, and F. H. Wendt.

Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.O., appeared for the Crown, while accused were undefended. The prisoners were charged with assault with intent to rob, and with wounding, with a knife, on or about the 17th inst. On the night of November 27 three lighters were moored off the Naval Yard Extension wharves, in which were Chan Tak, Leung Lai and Lo Tai. The former was awakened at about 11.30 p.m. by the sound of his cabin being opened, and on looking up he saw a man, armed with a knife, entering the room. The intruder stepped to Chan Tak's side and, brandishing the knife aloft, threatened to stab him if he cried out. Chan Tak endeavored to get up when his assailant struck him on the leg with the knife, inflicting a nasty wound. Chan cried out "Save Life!" and other occupants of the lighters ran to his assistance. The man who ran to Chan jumped into the water, but was picked up by an Indian and taken to the police station. The other prisoners were also arrested.

While Mr. Pollock was making his opening statement Lan Tam admitted that he had entered the lighter with intent to rob, but did not succeed in getting anything. He denied cutting Chan Tak.

Evidence was led and the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

All three prisoners were sentenced to twenty years imprisonment and to receive five strokes of the birch each.

The Court adjourned until Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

THE CHINA-BALTIC RAILWAY is already in such a bad condition, that the transit of troops this winter is again to be over the frozen lake.

It is hinted that the mysterious yachts which preceded the Baltic squadron through the Russa Canal are torpedo-boats, built by Farrows, and it is in connection with this that the British Government is prosecuting the firm.

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In the meantime several foreigners and hundreds of Chinese crowded round the wounded man, who was lying unconscious on the pavement, his head protruding from the wound, and being blood at a rate which made it almost certain that death must ensue. Mrs. Rasmussen, who had witnessed the occurrence, immediately sent her little son for Dr. Cox, and an employee of the Central Hotel telephoned for the Police, who arrived in a few minutes. There were only native police present and it did not seem to have occurred to any one of them that an ambulance would be useful. The most intelligent of them secured a rickshaw, and fortunately the foreigners present pressed against the door of the rickshaw, and being taken to the hospital on such a conveyance. A few minutes later Dr. Cox arrived and almost at the same time the ambulance put in an appearance; the injured man was placed on the ambulance stretcher and conveyed to the General Hospital. He died at half past eight.

Punctually at ten o'clock, on the 16th the two prisoners were brought up at the Russian Consulate. On their being ushered into Mr. Klimentoff's room the Consul-General, who was seated at his desk, He stated that we would not see the men. He subsequently ordered all postmen out of the room and announced that he would hold an enquiry and send the men on board to be dealt with. Inspector Matheson said he would like the case to be dealt with at the Consulate and he would be glad to see the men. The Consul-General replied that it was a military offence and must be dealt with by military authorities, and that he could not try the men himself. The reporters were then ordered to leave and the "Enquiry" proceeded.

As we have already stated, two sailors were arrested. The first, Agost, was charged with feloniously and unlawfully wounding a Chinese, name unknown, on the head, with an axe, thereby causing his death, at 4.10 p.m. on the 16th inst. The other man, Tiek by name, was charged with wilfully and maliciously striking a Chinese, name unknown, on the head, with a knife, thereby causing his death, at 4.10 p.m. on the 16th inst. Both men are from the *Albatross*. The whole morning was taken up with the examination of the witnesses, and although it is a matter of regret that the proceedings were conducted in private, the Court resumed after a short interval. About seven witnesses were called, who actually saw the blow, and during the morning and afternoon six other witnesses who saw the assault on the constable and the arrest of the men, gave evidence. When the Court resumed after a short interval, the two sailors were present, and although the Russian authorities were obstinately resistant as to what had become of them, we have the best reasons for believing that they were sent on board under an escort.

In the afternoon the Chinese held an inquest on the dead body at the back of the Shanghai Road Hospital. Several Chinese witnesses were called and after some delay Mr. d'Oettingen, the Russian Vice-Consul, accompanied by the *Albatross* doctor, appeared on the scene. The Chinese immediately showed him the body and then conducted them to where the body was lying. The bloodstained axe was produced and after a cursory examination the doctor pronounced death to have been due to the wound in the head. Most people who saw the man on Thursday thought the blow had been struck with the sharp edge of the axe but such was not the case. The top of the tool was a blunt hammer-like head about an inch square and it was with this that the blow was struck. So great was the force used that there was a hole an inch square in the man's skull, corresponding exactly with the

AN EXTENSIVE GAMBLING RAID.

Fourteen Arrests Made.

Lottery promoters have recently been giving the police and detectives a good deal of trouble, and notwithstanding several arrests and convictions the business continues to flourish. Several places suspected of being connected with the printing and sale of tickets for the Luk Wai Lottery have recently been carefully watched by the detectives with the result that last week an extensive raid was planned. During the early part of Saturday morning it was successfully carried out and resulted in fourteen arrests.

The whole of the detective force, both European and Chinese, combined in making the raid, and the result was that twenty-four houses, all situated in the Central district. The houses were No. 28A Des Vaux Road, occupied by Tang Chik Hing, proprietor of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha firm, at No. 10, Queen's Road Central, Nos. 20 and 32 Linwood Terrace, and No. 4 Kee Yan Lane, where a printing press and some literature connected with the Luk Wai Lottery were seized. A good deal of literature and some tickets were obtained at some of the other places, and 13 men and one woman were arrested. They were brought before Mr. F. A. Hazland, at the Magistrate's, and admitted to bail of \$1,000 each.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Lordship Sir H. S. Berkeley, Chief Justice.)

Tuesday, December 22.

ARNED ROBBERY.

Lan Tam, Young Lam Tee and Yung San were indicted on a charge of armed robbery. They pleaded not guilty, and the following jurors were sworn:—Messrs J. B. Bennett, H. W. Fraser, G. M. Smith, F. Schmidt, P. Hermann, R. H. King, and F. H. Wendt.

Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.O., appeared for the Crown, while accused were undefended. The prisoners were charged with assault with intent to rob, and with wounding, with a knife, on or about the 17th inst. On the night of November 27 three lighters were moored off the Naval Yard Extension wharves, in which were Chan Tak, Leung Lai and Lo Tai. The former was awakened at about 11.30 p.m. by the sound of his cabin being opened, and on looking up he saw a man, armed with a knife, entering the room. The intruder stepped to Chan Tak's side and, brandishing the knife aloft, threatened to stab him if he cried out. Chan Tak endeavored to get up when his assailant struck him on the leg with the knife, inflicting a nasty wound. Chan cried out "Save Life!" and other occupants of the lighters ran to his assistance. The man who ran to Chan jumped into the water, but was picked up by an Indian and taken to the police station. The other prisoners were also arrested.

While Mr. Pollock was making his opening statement Lan Tam admitted that he had entered the lighter with intent to rob, but did not succeed in getting anything. He denied cutting Chan Tak.

Evidence was led and the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

All three prisoners were sentenced to twenty years imprisonment and to receive five strokes of the birch each.

The Court adjourned until Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

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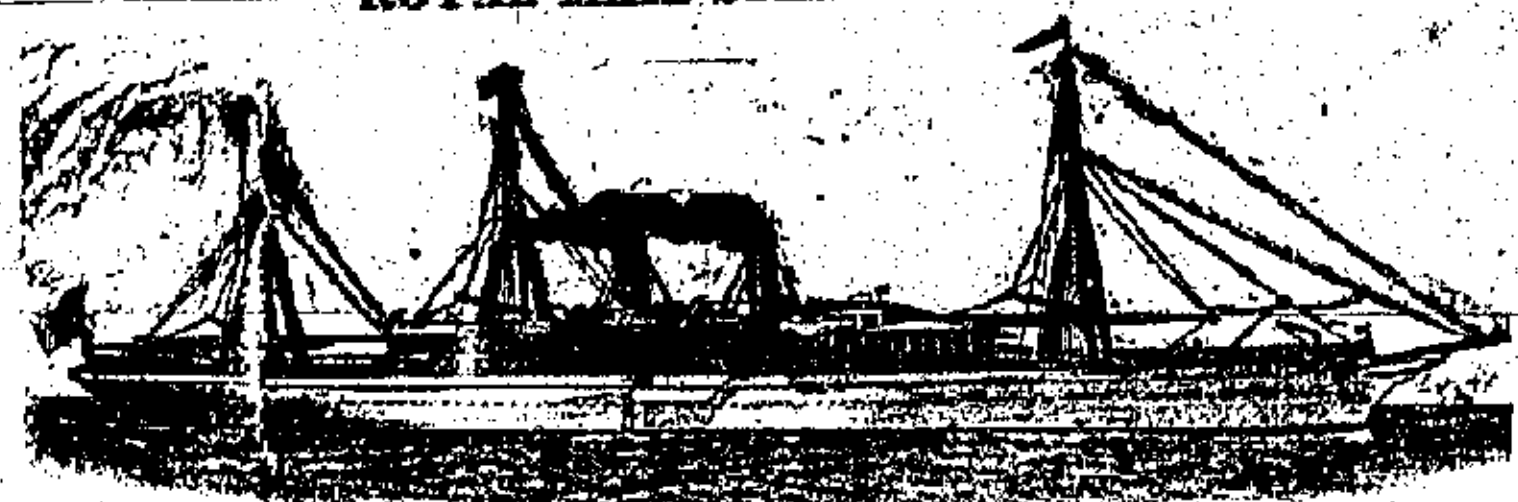
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